**Production in Telecom Industries**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that production is going on in telecom industry of the country;

(b) if so, the value of the items produced by the industry during the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(c) the year-wise break up of the telecom products exported and imported during these years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to available information the value of the telecom items produced by the industry during the years 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 are as under:—

| Year | Value in Rs. Crore |
|---|---|
| 1998-1999 | 10,000 |
| 1999-2000 | 10,760 |
| 2000-2001 | 12,271 |

(c) The year-wise break up of the telecom products exported and imported during these years is a under:—

| Year | Export of Telecom Equipment (RS. Crore) | Import of Telecom Equipment (terminal, switching, transmission, telephone cables & parts thereof)* |
|---|---|---|
| 1998-1999 | 250 | 1396 |
| 1999-2000 | 180 | 1516 |
| 2000-2001 | 450 | 2051 |

*Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Kolkata.

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